

Clark GA Meeting in Noxon, MT
Public Comments
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Topic	Number of Sticker Dots	Comments from Meetings in June 2003
Access/Rec	19	Provide ATV/Snowmobile loop trails
Other Issues	18	Appeals process – appellant should have to post bond or pay for processing the appeal if it is blatantly frivolous and intended to only stop the project
Access/Rec	15	There is adequate amount of wilderness now, no need for additional wilderness
Timber	15	Salvage areas affected by insects while there is still value in the wood and before damage takes place
Timber	10	Groups appealing or litigating timber sales (large and small) should be held liable for lost revenue and resource value (Post a bond)
Access/Rec	9	Maintain all existing trails and trailheads. Restore old trails to maps (ones that have been removed from old maps) Horse and hiking trails alike
Access/Rec	9	Open more roads for seasonal use (i.e. hunting and fishing)
Fire Risk	9	Reduce the fuels build up to prevent catastrophic wildfire
Wildlife	9	Since human error/mis-identification is majority of bear mortality, Why close roads? Why not limit bear hunting in BMUs?
Access/Rec	8	Would like to see more seasonally open roads to accommodate firewood cutting (windthrown)
Timber	7	Manage forest for the economic advantage of the area – timber, minerals
Access/Rec	6	Access and recreation
Other Issues	5	Under U.S. Constitution the State Foresters should manage all non-private land within the States' boundaries, because there is no provision for the National Forest per se in
Timber	5	In this timbered area, timber production should be a high priority for the economy of the area.
Vegetation	5	Use logging/other tools to eliminate danger of fire to aquatic resources
Access/Rec	4	Make an effort to keep any road open that leads to a trailhead
Other Issues	4	If Forest Plan puts local communities in jeopardy, what will be the mitigation for those communities
Timber	4	Legal action needs to be take against destructionists groups shutting down salvage and dead timber sales to charge them with destruction of public property
Access/Rec	3	Even roads that are restricted have other limitations i.e. when wind-blown trees cross
Access/Rec	3	Keep access open to Chicago Peak regardless of what happens with the Rock Creek
Access/Rec	3	Would like to see Trail #966 (Dad's Peak Trail) sawed out
Fire Risk	3	Update fire management plan to allow wildland fire for resource benefit
IRA/Wild	3	Continue Roadless policy as it is
IRA/Wild	3	Helicopter timber sales should be allowed in roadless areas
Timber	3	More local input into very small sales, such as identification of areas and sale design
Timber	3	Less importing of timber. Utilize our timber in a reasonable manner
Vegetation	3	Need flexibility to treat weeds for specific areas-one size does not fit all
Vegetation	3	Need roads for weed management, to spray weeds
Vegetation	3	Need precommercial thinning trees (young) from old cuts & thinning of underbrush for wildlife
Access/Rec	2	Existing snowmobile routes (i.e. roads) are starting to become less usable due to vegetative growth and windfall (cooperative partnerships can be formed similar to backcountry horsemen)

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Access/Rec	2	Want recreation maps to display the routes and areas that are specifically available for
Access/Rec	2	Any road closure results in denying access to the public and their public lands use (all modes: motorized and non-motorized)
Access/Rec	2	Maintain road access for fire suppression
Access/Rec	2	Would like to have more currently open roads put in restricted status
Access/Rec	2	More public education and defensible space program
Fire Risk	2	Privatize fire suppression/RD Fire
Fire Risk	2	Limit private contracting for fire suppression
IRA/Wild	2	Want reduction of # of IRAs so that available for use w/snowmobiles and ATVs
IRA/Wild	2	Maintain Elk Creek Roadless area
IRA/Wild	2	Have the correct amount of roads in the IRAs now
Other Issues	2	Do not use divisive language such as "destructionist groups" Conservationist is a better term
Timber	2	Restrict appeals and manage environmental issues within the "Service" (Forest Service, BLM, etc.)
Vegetation	2	Need to prune White Pine plantations for Blister Rust
Water/Fish	2	Maintain healthy riparian and improve damaged riparian
Water/Fish	2	Consider access improvements to maintain accessibility and protection of aquatic species – bridges, boardwalks, hardened crossings
Water/Fish	2	Tear out dams – build nuclear power plant in Noxon
Wildlife	2	Manage winter range – keep wildlife on forest in winter range
Wildlife	2	Eliminate Endangered Species Act – manage for people not animals
Wildlife	2	Concern that T&E/Griz road standard limits will automatically limit recreation access "by law," that is recovery standards we must follow.
Wildlife	2	Manage land to maintain wildlife corridors
Wildlife	2	If you can't eat it don't manage for it
Access/Rec	1	Consider designating some exclusive use for skiing (to eliminate user conflict) preserve ski conditions i.e. not ruts
Access/Rec	1	The larger population centers associated with the Idaho panhandle NF may overwhelm the influence and input from the smaller communities in the Kootenai NF
Access/Rec	1	Need to separate local from outside opinions. Different color badge?
Fire Risk	1	How to protect the public from large fires
Fire Risk	1	Use fire as a management tool
Fire Risk	1	Reduce fuels build up near communities
Fire Risk	1	Get rid of Jack-strawed trees (Lodge Pole) for wildlife & hazard in general-Harvest bug
Fire Risk	1	Update fire management plan for IRA's
IRA/Wild	1	Wants to leave Bull River and Vermillion alone – no congressional designation needed
IRA/Wild	1	Don't support IRAs, manage the IRAs with road access
IRA/Wild	1	Don't designate IRAs as wilderness, leave as they are

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IRA/Wild	1	How will wildfires be managed in IRAs? Concerned about poor roaded access to fight fires
Other Issues	1	Will need two separate sets of alternatives for the two forests.
Other Issues	1	Forest Plan should protect the heritage and culture and custom of communities adjacent to the forests
Vegetation	1	We need local control from the local GA on weed problem
Vegetation	1	Weeds – all projects should have a management plan
Vegetation	1	Employ contractors to apply herbicides
Vegetation	1	Manage weed infestation – keep more weed species out
Vegetation	1	Need vegetative buffers for fish protection
Water/Fish	1	Contract studies, management, supervision to private contractors for watershed/aquatics projects – (research/data collection/analysis) and project implementation
Water/Fish	1	Which water quality standards will be used to determine future management actions?
Water/Fish	1	Keep water quality high and restore where impaired
Water/Fish	1	Actively manage riparian to restore all riparian components – plants, animals
Water/Fish	1	Manage for aquatic species connectivity
Water/Fish	1	Manage forest to minimize damage to aquatic resources – timber management, stock
Wildlife	1	Close more roads for animals, expand Endangered Species Act, manage for animals in
Wildlife	1	Numbers and time for T & E species
Wildlife	1	More elk - more deer – more bears
Wildlife	1	The two above is idiotic – manage so people and animals can exist side-by-side or in proximity
Wildlife	1	Need more browse for elk – via logging

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